(ii) On the sad demise of Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health): "This House places on record its deep sense of sorrow on the sad demise of Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese who was for some time the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer and an official member of this House.*

Mr. President, Sir, It is my painful duty today to express the deep sense of grief felt by this House on the sad demise of Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese, who was a distinguished doctor and for some time a prominent member of this Council on the Treasury Bench. As a Doctor, particularly on the surgical side, he was second to none when he was in the field. As a member of the Legislative Council also he was an exemplary parliamentarian. Cochin had the good fortune of having the services of this distinguished Doctor for a few years as her Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer. During his administration, the Medical and Sanitary Departments had striking progress. After retirement, Dr. Verghese was running a nursing home in his native place at Tiruvella for the benefit of ailing public and thus serving a humanitarian cause. His loss is an irrepairable one. May his soul rest in peace!

Mr. President: I associate myself with the sentiments expressed on the demise of Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese. I commend the motion to the acceptance of the House.

Motion was passed, all Hon'ble Members standing

(iii) On the sad demise of Dr. Kolatheri Sankara Menon

Rao Bahudur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* Mr. President, Sir, I am again on my foot to move another painful resolution on the demise of Dr. Kolatheri Sankara Menon.

"This House places on record its deep sense of sorrow on the sad demise of Dr. Kolatheri Sankara Menon, who was for some time an elected member of this House".

Dr. Sankara Menon and some members of this Council had to sit together on the non-official side. Dr. Menon was an eminent Ayurvedic Physician. He was serving as Director of Ayurveda in the sister State of Travancore for a long time. He was not merely a celebrated Ayurvedic Physican, but he was a distinguished scholar as well. After retirement, he was having private practice at Ernakulam. His sudden demise is a great loss to the State and to the Ayurveda Culture.

May his soul rest in peace!

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Mr. President, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Hon'ble Mover. Dr. Sankara Menon's services as an Ayurvedic Director any Government should feel proud to have, but unfortunately his services we could not have. We had the benefit of his distinguished services after his retirement not only in the field of Ayurveda but also in the deliberations of this House. I still remember the way in which he used to tackle any proposition in the proper perspective laying the emphasis where it ought to be laid. A scholar an eminent scholar not only in the science of Ayurveda but in other matters also and the soft manner he possessed. He I believe Sir, was a man fit to be emulated by any one who wants to live a noble life. It is the loss of such a distinguished son of Cochin and an expert of this House that we are bemourning to-day. I agree with the Hon'ble Mover praying the Almighty that Mr. Sankara Menon's soul may rest in peace!

ചൌധരി ജി. എസ്സ്. ധാരാസിംഗ്: സർ, പരേതനായ ഡാക്ടർ കൊളത്തരി ശങ്കരമേനോൻ അവർകളുടെ അപദാനങ്ങളെക്കുറിച്ചു ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട പബ്ലിക്ക് ഹെൽത്ത് മന്ത്രിയും വടക്കാഞ്ചേരി മെമ്പർ അവർകളും പറഞ്ഞതിനോട് ഞാൻ യോജിക്കുന്നു. അദ്ദേഹവുമായി നേരിട്ട് പരിചയപ്പെടുവാൻ എനിക്ക് അടുത്തകാലത്താണ് സാധിച്ചതെങ്കിലും, അദ്ദേഹം എന്റെ പിതാവിന്റെ ഒരു ആത്മസുഹൃത്തായിരുന്നുവെന്നുള്ളതു്, അദ്ദേഹമായി പരിചയപ്പെട്ടതിനു ശേഷമാണ് എനിക്കു മനസ്സിലായതു്. ഈ കൌൺസിലിലെ ഒരു മെമ്പർ എന്ന നിലയിലാണ്, അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ നിര്യാണത്തിൽ ഇപ്പോൾ അനുശോചനം രേഖപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതെങ്കിലും, വാസ്തവത്തിൽ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ ചരമം കൊച്ചീരാജ്യത്തിനാകമാനം തന്നെ വിലയൊരു നഷ്ടമാണ്. അദ്ദേഹം ഒരു ആയുർവ്വേദാചാര്യനായിരുന്നു. അതിനുംപുറമെ അദ്ദേഹം മറ്റു പല തുറകളിലും അഗാധമായ പാണ്ഡിത്യം നേടിയ ഒരു മഹാനായിരുന്നുവെന്നുള്ളതിനു് ഉദ്ഘാതമായി എം. എം. എൽ. ടി. യും, പി. എച്ച്. ഡിയും ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നുവെന്നുള്ളതു കൊണ്ടു് മനസ്സിലാക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കും. അദ്ദേഹത്തിനു് യാതൊരു സുഖക്കേടും ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നില്ലെന്നതന്നെയല്ല: കായ്യയിൽ അഗാധഗാത്രനാ

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യിട്ടാണ് കാണപ്പെട്ടിരുന്നതു്. അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള അദ്ദേഹം പെട്ടെന്ന് ഹൃദയസ്തംഭനം മൂല മാണ് മരണമടഞ്ഞതു്. ഞാൻ അദ്ദേഹത്തെ കണ്ടപ്പോൾ ഏ൦ വയസ്സു പ്രായമുള്ള മരാളാ ണെന്നു് എനിക്കു തോന്നിയില്ല. അത്രയ്ക്കും ആയുർവ്വേദ വിധിപ്രകാരം ദിനചര്യ നയിച്ചിരു ന്ന ഒരു മഹാനായിരുന്ന അദ്ദേഹം. വാസ്തവത്തിൽ പരേതന്റെ ജീവിതവും ദിനചര്യയും പ്രത്യേകിച്ചു് നമ്മൾക്കെല്ലാവർക്കും മാതൃകയാണെന്നുള്ളതാണ് അദ്ദേഹത്തെ കണ്ടപ്പോൾ എനിക്കു തോന്നിയതു്. ആ പുണ്യശ്ലോകന്റെ നിര്യാണത്തിൽ ഞാനുശോചിക്കുകയും അദ്ദേ ഹത്തിന്റെ ആത്മാവിനു് നിത്യശാന്തിക്കായി പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

Mr. President : We bemourn the loss of a great physician and a great scholar, one of the most distinguished sons of the State and one of the distinguished scholars in the science of Ayurveda. Many of the Hon'ble Members have a very vivid re-collection of this distinguished man. I personally have got very clear recollections because in the year 1942 about this time, I was saved almost from the jaws of death by the treatment of this great physician. I suppose it is the experience of many people in the State, of having been benefited by his treatment. It was a shock to the public when the news spread that he had passed away. I associate myself with all the sentiments expressed here and I commend the resolution for the acceptance of the House and request the Hon'ble Members to pass it by standing in their seats.

Motion was passed all Hon'ble Members standing

5. Legislative Business (Bills Official)

(i) The Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances Act (Amendment) Bill

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Sir I beg leave of the House to introduce the Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances Act (Amendment) Bill.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (*Constitutional Adviser*) : I second it.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The object of the Amendment Bill is to make provision for the salary and allowance of the President who has been elected. The main provisions are a salary of Rs. 4,000 per annum, a house rent allowance of Rs. 150 per mensem and a car allowance of Rs. 150 per mensem in addition to the travelling and daily allowances he would be receiving as a member of this Council. With reference to clause 2B I will propose an amendment at the proper time which will make provision for a car and an allowance of Rs. 75 for petrol and oil.

Mr. President : The question before the House is that the Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances Act (Amendment) Bill be read in Council.

Motion put and carried

Secretary to the Council: The title of the Bill is, the Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances Act (Amendment) Bill.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I request that the President may be pleased to suspend S. O. No. 32.

Mr. President: S. O. No. 32 is suspended.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I move that the Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up for consideration.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (*Constitutional Adviser*) : I second it.

Motion put and carried

Clause 2 of the Bill put and carried

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Chief Secretary to Government*): For clause 3 of the Bill, the following shall be substituted, *viz.*,. "After section 2 A of the Act, the following shall be inserted as section 2 B, namely:—

'2B. The President of the Legislative Council shall be given a car for his use and shall be paid—

(*i*) a salary of Rs. 4,000 per annum;

(*ii*) a house rent allowance of Rs. 150 per mensem; and

(*iii*) an allowance of Rs. 75 per mensem towards the cost of petrol and lubricating oil for the car, which he shall receive in addition to the travelling and daily allowances as a member of the Council under sub-section (2) of section 4'."

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*) : May I bring to the kind notice of the Chair that with reference to clause (2) there is something in the shape of an amendment as it is

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